

Senator Nichol said is that....

SENATOR CLARK: (Gavel.) Could we have a little quiet please.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: If we are going to have a work-study program, he wants to make certain that the work-study program covers everybody who is in school. LB 126 as currently drafted and advanced on General File does not cover everybody who is in school. It doesn't cover people who are at the Universal Trade School. It does not cover people who are at the Omaha College of Health Careers. It does not cover people who are in all of the private vocational schools in the State of Nebraska. They are specifically excluded by this bill. They are not covered. So the only people this bill covers who are in vocational school are those individuals who happen to be going to one of our technical community colleges and are in a program that is not going to lead to a bachelor's degree which would be virtually all of the programs. Now we...this bill today doesn't have a price tag. This bill today doesn't have any appropriations bill coming along with it. Sooner or later it will have such a bill. It may not be this year. It may not be next year or the year thereafter, and whatever the dollar amounts are, whatever the dollar amounts are, knowing the needs of students, they simply will not be adequate to cover the entire student population pool. So what is it that we should do? My feeling simply is that we should put, we should target our money and we should target our money into those programs that require a long period of study and, therefore, a depletion of resources; into those programs where it requires some concentration of time in studies, and therefore, tends to inhibit easy access to part time jobs; into those programs that clearly lead to those degrees where we are having major problems in this state, and what are those degrees? We are not graduating enough people in mathematics. We are not graduating enough people in sciences. We are not graduating enough people in genetics. We are not graduating enough people in computer sciences. We are not graduating enough people in medicine. We are not graduating enough people who are knowledgeable of foreign languages. We are not graduating enough people who can teach those subjects. And you and I all know that. You and I all know that. So what is the right thing for us to do? If we should take our little bit of money, and that is all it will ever be is a little bit of money, and we should at least put it in a structure where we can make certain that those kinds of offerings and students in those kinds of offerings are the ones most likely to receive the assistance. As Senator Cullan